

IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re application of:

Ally *et al.*

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Petition For Extension of Time Under 37 C.F.R. § 1.136(a)(1)

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Sir:

It is hereby requested that the period for replying to the outstanding Office Action be extended one (1) month from August 21, 2002 to September 21, 2002 by the filing of this Petition and fee payment.

The petition fee (37 C.F.R. § 1.17(a)) is believed to be \$110.00 for a one (1) month extension for a large entity. Fee payment is provided in our accompanying SKGF Check No. 36587. However, if extensions of time under 37 C.F.R. § 1.136 other than those provided herewith are required to prevent abandonment of the present patent application, then such extensions of time are hereby petitioned.

The U.S. Patent and Trademark Office is hereby authorized to charge ~~any~~ fee deficiency, or credit any overpayment, to our Deposit Account No. 19-0036.

Respectfully submitted,

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